Through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest, the Arkansas Center for the Book at the State Library encourages Arkansans to read The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald and to participate in discussions concerning the book and the ideas the author explores.

A wide range of programs relating to The Great Gatsby will be offered during National Library Week, April 2-8, 2006, as well as newspaper excerpts in conjunction with the Arkansas Press Association’s "Newspaper in Education" program. In addition, more than thirty public libraries and fifty high school & college libraries will host discussions throughout the month.

A complete schedule of school, college, and public library book discussion sites is available on the website of the Arkansas State Library, www.asl.lib.ar.us.

Program Schedule

**Sunday, April 2**
- **Berryville/Eureka Springs** — 12 noon — The White Linen Gatsby Bash, Books at Sow’s Ear Antiques.
- **Little Rock** — 2:00 p.m. — Showing of the 1974 film adaptation of The Great Gatsby starring Robert Redford.
- Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center.

**Monday, April 3**
- **Jasper** — 5:30 p.m. — A Readers’ Dinner at the Ozark Cafe, hosted by the Newton County Library. Phone 870-446-2983 for reservations.
- **North Little Rock** — 7:00 p.m. — The Privilege of Power and the Power of Privilege, a lecture by Dr. Russell Murphy, William F. Laman Library.

**Tuesday, April 4**
- **Mountain Home** — 11:30 a.m. — Gathering of the Groups, Baxter County Library. Phone 870-425-3598 for reservations.
- **Fayetteville** — 7:00 p.m. — Showing of the 1974 film adaptation of The Great Gatsby featuring Robert Redford, Fayetteville Public Library.
- **Little Rock** — 7:00 p.m. — Gatsby Chatroom, WordsWorth Books.

**Wednesday, April 5**
- **Conway** — 11:30 a.m. — Gathering of the Groups, Faulkner County Library. Phone 501-327-7482 for reservations.
- **Little Rock** — 7:00 p.m. — The Gatsby Gala, Faulkner County Library.

**Thursday, April 6**
- **Little Rock** — 6:30 p.m. — The Great Gatsby, a readers’ theater adaptation, Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center. Phone 501-918-3032 for reservations.

**Friday, April 7**
- **Jonesboro** — 11:30 a.m. — Gathering of the Groups, Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library. Phone 870-915-5133 for reservations.
- **Blytheville** — 6:30 p.m. — Book discussion and potluck dinner, That Bookstore in Blytheville.
- **Fort Smith** — 6:30 p.m. — Showing of the 1974 film adaptation of The Great Gatsby featuring Robert Redford.

**Friday, April 21**
- **Little Rock** — 9:00 a.m. — THE BIG READ at the Arkansas Literary Festival with celebrity readers, Cox Creative Center. Participate in a live radio discussion of The Great Gatsby on KUAR Public Radio, FM 89.1, Little Rock.
- “Book Club of the Air;” April 4th at 1:00 p.m.